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SATURDAY SVEN'S., JANUARY 3, 1980.

The new State officers of Virginia, those resently elected by the fusion of the readjusters and the republicans of the General Assembly, took charge of their respective offices yesterday. It is understood that their personal hosor and morality are unimpeachable, but that their past life is not indicative of efficiency in the execution of the responsible trusts they have assumed. Indeed in the case of the Second Auditor it is reported that when tried he was found unequal to the task of properly performing the duries of the shortfairy of one of the small at and least populous couplies in the State. It is hoped that the tears of the triury the State may receive from the auticipated inefficiency may not be realized. In this connection we may call astronion to a fact that seems to have escaped our Richmond contemporaries, which is that the failure to have money in the Presently with which to pay the January inter- surety. It is understood that Mr. Mersan's est on the State boods is due solely and entirely to the readjusters, for Mr. Charles U. Wilharms as agent for a sy diente, went before the finance committee of the Legislaure, com posed of a large majority of readjusters. and affered them, not only money enough to pay the January interest, but in ugh to pay presented to the State inclinations, ut pre per cont. interest, or two and a half per sees, beset no back inter as, and that, too, on much here warms then a schooler soluthe in reservation has when it because due out of any taputy in the Treasury, and they reforest to accept the offer. Mr. Williams offer was made in good faith, for so many overdue com ous were received last year by the Treasurer that the supply was considerably reduced, and the syndicate knew that a large persentage of this year's tax's must be peid in money. To have paid the Jasuary interest, in the 80 h year of his age. however, would have exposed the fallsey of the readjusters' predictions, and so the offer was declined, upon the false and frivolous ground that there was not time to consider it.

The New York Hereld, which all through the creside and fraudacknowledged the iniquity of that proceeding, but counseled a strice obsorvaces of the forms of law, unjust as those forms were, as the only safeguard against an archy, and which deprecated popular resistance to the operations of the swindle as worse than the swindle itself, which, it persistently reiterated, would be corrected by time, has now changed its 1900, and, n reference to the Maine very, November 14, 1789. She intermerried ert a controlling is fluence in the management affeir, where conady doubts that the law is on the side of Goy root Garcelon, says;

"I'm state administration may take advantage of its own shortermings, thus to set aside the result of an election, and there is no legal r medy, then the people must adopt some other. Cisil war is a great evil; but the American peothe hore always thought it preferable to the loss f iberry "

If inconsistency were a jowel the Herald yould be without price. ---

The Instores of the coton factories of Peters burg was enlarged and is crossed considerably last year, and result disco-person-ly to all ent gased in it. There is a large and thoronehly and modernly indipped coulon factory in this ciry, wi hip four blocks of a railroad by which its raw material and products con be received and shipped, and within even less distance of a canal by which it obtains its coal, and yet it is idle and has been so for two or three years. A cotton factory can be operated here as economically as in Petersburg, if not more so, and why Mr. J. W. Garrett, who is the principal eweer of the Manut Vernon cot-

PUREIGN NEWS.

The composer Wagner is seriously ill at Bay-

famine stricken. The Garman ambassador and the papal nun

Russia, between the Vulga and the Don, i

o's reads complimentary speeches at the French Pr sidenc's New Year's reception, The latest news from the Az res represents

that heavy storms have occurred there, causing much damage to strippies. The Lord May or of Dublin has opened at Matsian House no Irish relief fund, and

£1 500 have already been subscribed.

The Spacish government continues to prose cute the opp at ion press. Sureateen journals in Madrid and eleves in the provinces are awaiting sentence.

Mr James Mactear, of the St. Rollex Chem ical Works, writes to the Times, affirming that he has produced earbon in the diamond modi-

The Mexican Congress adjourned without approving the concession for an interentional railroad. The chances are in favor of General Genzales for next president.

Gen. Roberts reports that the country is quiet His communications have been res ored. Numbers of people are returning to Capal and supplies are e ming in.

The flood is the Danube is increasing. The merchants are trying to carry their corn to places of safer. The towns of Krems and will be a Sein, both on the Daoube, have been partly gramme. flooded. Thousands of people were watching Toursday night and Priday, expecting the river to flood Viceus.

Fires.

Atomison Ks., Jan. 3 -About 101 o'clock last night a fire broke our in a saloon in Winthrop street, destroying six buildings. Loss un-

The large Elevator of F. P. Halsey was discovered to be on fire about 10 30 o'chek last night, and it was totally destroyed.

Robbing the Mail.

NEW YORK Dec. 3 -Charles Marx, postmaster at College Point, L. I., has been arrested at that place for embezzing mail matter, and was to-day admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000 NEWS OF THE BAY.

Gen. Grant is to have a hearty reception at Hevans. During the moath of December the Treasury Department paid out \$1,727,520 on account of arrears of pensions.

A merchanis' mass meeting is to be held next week in Baltimore in the interest of tx Gov. Whyte for the United States Secare.

The Capital Savings Bank of Sacramet Cai., suspended yesterday. The usok is said to be solvent, but purposes going out of business. More iron and steel were manufactured is this country last year than in any previous year. and the prospects for 1880 are brilliant.

The West rn Iron Association at Pittsburg, Pa., have disable it to advance the card rates of bar iron, to 74 conts per pound on Mou-

There is said to be considerable pett. I saleusy between the Judges of the Court of Claims and the Justices of the Supreme Court in the District of Columbia.

A block of five four story brick warshooms sed for swring propises, on Buc aban's whart, in Baltimore, containing some 3,000 bales of cotton as d other articles, was burned last night. The loss is estimated as \$250,000.

Charles Coud irt, once a lieutenant in the Guard of Honor of the First Napoleon, and father of the well known Condert Brothers, the lawyers died at his home in South Orenge, N. J., on Wednesday. He was born in Bordesux, Franch, Dec. 27, 1795.

Two young Americans, George Green, o mail coach, pear Guacajunto, Mexico, when it was at rek d by a b od of thirty robbers, armed with Windnester rifles. The young men rought the whole band killing five and woulding sev eral and compelled the remainder to retreat .-Green was slightly wounded

Miss Hortes, who shot John Morgan in Washington on Thursday was brought to the Palice Court yes orday morning, and gave bail in \$1 000, Mrs. B. A. Lookwood to coming to r would is rapidly improving. A hearing will take place in al w days.

Ex Mayor Harris of Cincingail, shot his mother in law New Year's gight. The shoetog was 'he result of a family fend. Adams telowed Harris out of a saloon and demanded money in an : ff asive manner. Harris refused and enled Adams as ungrateful scoundrel, whereupen Adams felled him with a blow from a case. Hairis then drew a pistol and shot his assiliant through the unper check and jaw hone, inflicting a painful but not dangerous Wound.

VIRGINIA NEGR.

The screen thus for has been so remarkably mild in the Southern part of the State that strawberry plants are in bloom in gardents around Richmond.

Mr. Wm. L. Shackelford, an old and peeted civizen of Petersburg, died on Thursday night, at Swife Creek, in Chesterfield county, where he was visiting. Mr. Shackelford was

The official statistics show a decided increase of bu-iness du log the part year in Peter bure, and the out & said more pr mising. Is the employing 715 operatives, who assumption is 9 000 bales of trop. Darie the year they manufactured 11,105,000 yards of cloth, which brought from 6 to 8 cents a vard, and was purchased chiefly by Northern jobbors.

Mrs. Hoprietts S. Frezhugh died in Charles ton, W. V., recently, in the 91st year of her age. Mrs Firzhagh westho daughter of the late Hon. Nichelas Frzhugh, one of the judges of the Federal Court of the District of Columbia, who was appointed by Mr. J. ff. rson, in 1804. She was a grand nices of Gen. Washington, and was born at Bedford, King George purposes by him and those who, with him, ex county November 14, 1811.

The Fairfax Messanger says that a shooting affair occurred in Warrenton on Sanday evening last, the attacking party being a young law yer, and the party attacked a young gentleman who the former objected to visiting his sister. A five shot pistol was emptied, but was provented from taking effect by the vigorous use of a cane in the hands of a gentleman who accompanied the party shot at. The as-aulting party gave bonds for a hearing before the Mayor, but left town before the time for the bearing.

Seller from Richmond

Correspondance of the Alexandria Gazetto] Richmonn, January 2 - The ins went in the inn to day and the Capitol was a grand hestelrie. Mussie says all his appointments are temporary. So it so ms that the fight of "despottsm," so far as he is concerned, is groundless. But Treasurer Reycoids says he does not propose making any changes in the elerien tores to his office. He is the man who has excited so much wrath from the taner circle. They are red hot against him. The bare idea of a man with any independence being in the State offices is something so unlooked for that it has shocked them most hornbly. All their canal and desabled it from performing its conton fastory, doesn't resume work there, though guns sie brought to bear upon him, and new doubtless plain to him, appears rather strange ones are being placed in position. They swear veogeance against him if he does not capitulate le the Auditor's office Mr. Massie spake to several of the old elecks about staying, but when they wanted to know if the place would be permanent, the old fellow dedged, and said. 'Well, it would be till the Legislature ad-ourned.' He wanted the poor follows to stay journed. and tench the new crowd how to conduct the office, and then he would turn them out. But it is understood that home of them will agree to that. John Mosby, a spleedid clerk, who knew everything about the Capitel, scorned anything of the kind. He has always been a staunch Conservative, and was turned out once before, It was on a similar occasion, when the Rad e I party was in power. We remember these reconstruction days. Then it was that John its affairs have been purposely surrauded is will marvel that the radical party is again in management of the carst and the misapplica power in Virginia. Audi or Mussic's son is tion of us funds have been concealed from its one of the clorks is his office.

It is said that the friends of Maj r N. B.

his name for the position of Librarian. Mr. Fauntlercy, who has the filling of this office it. There can be no doubt that Major Mesce

is the better qualified for the position. the spring election. That is a part of the pro- shall be prior liens to all bonds bereafter is und gramme said down by their managers. Nor is that all. The its ructions are that a vigorous chises of the canal; by the acceptance of this attempt shall be made to carry each city and not by the corporation, by the delib rate retown in the State, at the next municipal elec- fusal of the President and directors to obey the tion. Alexandria and Darville and Richand order of the stockhelders, and to publish de-

By one of those strange coincidences that caucot be accounted for General Mshope west to Washington the day that Grant was to start on his southern tour. It is my own deliberate unicition that the "platform of principles" of Grant stemped on the car platform, and that the

Col. S. Bassett French has resigned his position as Secretary of the Lee Monument Assistion and Large and La been elected in his place. Col. French is still work, property, franchises and rights wif be a candidate for the Judgeship of Manchester. old for non payment of interest on bonds is-

The Chesapeake and Ohio Causl.

Counsel for the holders of preferred contruction bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company filed yes orday in the United States District Court in Battimore a bill in equi ty sgainst the canal company, praying the court for an injunction against the present manage ment of the canal and for the appointment of a receiver to take possession of the capal proper ry, friochises, books, accounts, &c., with au thority to manage the canal nutil the d bis claimed to be due the complainants are fully satisfied. The soit is brought in the name of David K. Stewert. The bill recites in detail the history of the canal and the acts of the legislature of Maryland bearing upon it, the failure of the company to pay interest on the issue under the set of 1844, of which honds with interest coupons, complainant hold \$150 000 the whole issue having been \$1,699,500 The amounts due the holders of these bonds on the coupers from June 1, 1865 are put down at over \$1,600,000. The bill then charges that the ompany is lergely ies went, wholly unable to pay its debre, and that by no proceedlugs at law or equity can the bondholders obtain payment of their c'aims out of the property of the company. Further, that by the act of the celelature in 1873, authorizing an issue of \$500 000 of bonds, secured by a merigage upon the canal itself, its tolls and revenues, the State waived its priority of hen upon the earsl, and that the effect of that act is to expess holders of the professed construction bonds to the total exis, and Frick Scater, of Besign were in a little of their sicurity, and cause the company to default in the payment of the semi-annual compens on the lest is ue, and that the neceptance of the act of 1878, and the execution of the moregage under it, was a wanton escribed of the true interests of the company and of the property rights of the preferred bondholders Also, that the set of 1878, chapter 58, and the mortgage and boads issued under it, are pull and rold as against him and the other holders of he preferred bonds as taking from such bondholders the security sequired under the act | Alexandria, of 1844.

So complained urges that it is unlawful for the compacy to assume to exercise anoth power as it so ks to do under the act of 1878 in order to provide for acticipated necessures that the tolls and revenues may be sufficient to meet; and avers that the alleged deficiency of means to meet these charges did not in fact exist when the company executed this mortgage, except through the unlawful and improper squandering and diversion of the means of the company by its officers; and be charges that this deficieucy of mesos so crested, was not greater than e uld have been readily met from the curthe large sum which the company has assumed to borrow.

The bill then charges that the duty of the corporation was to manage its affairs honestly, wisely and economically, so that it uld exercise the fracchise conferred upon it for the benefit of all the public, and for the security and pay ment of the debt due complainant and other ereditors like him. But instead of the corporation performing its legitmente duties-for the purpose for which it we corested-it has for several years pass been used for the accomplish ment of objects entirely destructive of the interrets and to bis of mplainant and other oreditors; that it has been used, and is now being usen, to a great extent, as a political ma chice for the promotion of partison purposes, we have regard to the right of creditors.

It then recites that "the president of the sumpany, Atthur P. German, esq , is now, and has been for some years post, the chairman and head of the State Central Committee of a political party in the State of Maryland, and a meather of the Senate of that State; and the whole power and natronage of the cause com-pany have been for several years past, and are new, applied and devoted mainly to partisan the rights of complainant and its other bond

Complainant then charges that "the said Gorman and those who with him control the militates against him, as his election world company, have, during the last three years. under aretense of employing persons to perform services for the company, kept their own politi eal and partisan agents in its pay, well knowing that these persons w re not in fact to the service of the company and not emitted to receive pay from it; and that they have employed and the only silver lining to the coud of disasand pant out of the funds of the company, large numbers of unnecessary and useless employees, for the same improper purpose of premoting and furthering their own police deshemes; and that this er as abuse and misapo cation of the rel's and revenues of the company has been condue ed meretly, and that the losses to the company therety occasioned have been such as greatly to h jute its creditors, and help to create | General Barksdale, who was a member of the the pretended accessity for the creation of the last mortgage."

He further charges that the managers have interfered to elections in the counties through which the canal passes, using its patropage and money to el c. those who were put up as their people thick it s'range that the men the South candidates and to defeat their opponents; and, by such a course of misadministration and mis management have reduced the revenues of the tract with its oreditors.

The bill exhibits the statement of the busi ness of the canal company, with its receip s and the case with many, it is an error of the head expenditures for several years past, as shown by the annual reports of the president and directors to the stockholders of the company, and says that from the s'att mout it is manifest that under the present westeful and extravagant adminis ration of the canal company, while e toppage of the company has not decreased 25 per cent , the receipts have diminished mera than sixty per cent, and the net income has been reduced from over \$250,000 to nothing.

Complainant further alleges that the presi dent and directors have persistently refuted to publish monthly statements of expenses, notwithstanding orders passed by the steekhold ers to that eff co, and that the mystery in which Mostly was turned out. He and many others one of the most efficient means by which the

efeditors. Comp alount charges, "that by reason of the Meade, former editor of the Whig are urging gress mismanagement and maladminis ration of the affairs of the canal by President Gorman and his associar s, by the perversion of it from a has been reserving it for his son, but it is con- business corporation to a portisan mach no used seded that if Major Meade wants it he can get to promote the political formers of those who The so called readjusters are moving beaven the passage of the act of 1878, and the issue and earth to get up a tick t in Richmond for of b ads thereunder, which the act declares on tolls, reverues, preperty, right and franwill be special points of importance in the pro- tailed periodical statements of their receipts and expenses, so that a cheek and supervision could be exercised over ex ravegant and illegal expenses; and by the failure of the steekhold ers to enforce their said orders, great fraud. have been perpetrated on complement and other boudholders, and that their rights are in the new radical party has been kept back until immisent danger of irreparable injury if this court does not premptly intervence and dewas Grant looked and talked was to settle some | prive the said corporation and its managers of of the "principles" in it. Now look out for all course or power over the property, rights the platform. As it originally stood was out of dirauchises of the corporation. If they are lined by the Gazette's correspondent some time a lowed to continue in the abuse and perversion of us c rporate powers, to issue bonds under the act of 1878 to expend the revenues in ex

ble damage be dene to the rights of complainant and other oregitors; and they can never be safe while the property, rights and franchises of the company are allowed to remain in its present hands, the company being utterly in solvent, and its property and assets entirely

inad quate and insufficients to pay is debts. Appended to the bill and forming a part of it are thirty interrogatories, the first four relat ing to the smount of boods under the act of 1878 that have been sold, the method of their aggotistion, whether any of them have been pledged as collateral security for payment of caus, whether the money from their sale was mingled with the other tands of the company or kept in as account by i self in the bank also, whither any of the bouls were used or offered to be used in payment for wharf property purchased in Camberland from Messrs. Thomas J. McKsig and Wm; Walsh.

The interrogutories cover a wide field. What has been the cost of a telegrand line along the canal? Was a large force of !aborers emp'oyed in Montgomers county during the Cocgressional capy use of 1878 and discharged after the election? Is the cenal in good condition, and dem No. 4 in complete order? Has a contract been made with the American Coal Company to carry i' coal at 40 cents per ton, or any other special rate, up to the year 1904 or thereabouts? What we the toll per ton when the contract was made? Is the canal company to be pair said rates when the rates for others are less? The bill also requires particulars of all payments and expenditures of the canal company other than those for the coupons of the preferred bonds, and other matters special y referred to in the bill for the years 1873 to 1879 inclusive the times of said payments, names of the parties paid, amounts to each, and on what account-Judge Bond ordered that the application for on the first Monday in February, provided a copy of the order be served upon detendants on the first Monday in February, provided a copy of the order be served upon detendants on or before the 10th of the present month. The following is a statement of the paid-up subgritters to the other than the first subgritters.

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Georgetown,

Shepherdstown, Individuals, 4*4 200 39 Mareland. 5,000 000 00 Mr A. P. Gorman, when applied to for a tatement of his views in regard to the case. tated that he had nothing to give to the public at the present time, but would have a sufficient answer to give to all the allegations made by the complainant when the time came for him to flie his reply. His friends, however, deny that the enquity can show any abuse of trust on his port, and that it will redound to his credit. The President of the Maryland Cost Co. expresses his willingness to company for New York. willir goess to come on from New York to testify 'n Mr. Gorman's favor, and states that it is owing to his confidence in the preent management of rest tolls and revenues, and was far less than the canal, that his company, in corjunction with the American Coal Company, entered upon the construction of the Georg s Creek and Cumberland Railroad, which, when completed, will enable these two companies alone to give the canal as gre t a tonnage its total tonnage this

> Mr. Gorman is report 1 rasaying: "I do not propose to say to any sensible min that the affairs of the canal have always been managed with great economy if they would have been had political in a sences no effect upon it; but I do say that it has been conducted with as great economy is possible under 'be circumstances in which the canal is placed, and that the policy of the management has always been governed by the best interests of the canal."

FROM WASSINGTON.

Senator from Mississippi, and the late Mr.

Special Correspondence of the Alexa Gazette WASHINGTON, D. C., Jac. 3, 1880. The successorship to Mr. Bruce, the colored

Houston, of Alabama, is the subject of almost as much comment here probably as in the States from which the new Senators are to come. Those best informed here, and who are just from the States in question, seem to think that Gen. W. T. Walthall will succeed Mr. Brace. He is the law partner of Senstor La of the canal company, to the great injury of mar and is supported by all the strength the latter p sesses, and were it not that he resides only thirty miles from Senator Lower there would be no doubt of his election. That fact centre the Senstorial representation practically in one county, which, of course, is distast eful to the rest of the state, but his popularity is so great that even with this drawback it is prob; ble he will be the suce sfule ndidate. General Walthall is a native of East Virgicia. ter in the fight in which the saltant Z lic ffer lost his life was made by the sorion of the Mississippi regiment which was commanded by him as lieu coast colocel. After that he rose rapidly by well merited promotion, and at the close of the war he had attained the rank of major general. His price pal opponents are General Singleton, now a member of the House, and Confederate Congress. With regard to Alas bama it is supposed that J. 1 Pugh, of Enfala, will be elected. His chief opponents are Mr. Beradon and Pope Walker, who was the Confederate Secretary of War. Ignorant Northern sends to Congress all occupied prominent posiions under the Confederacy, as these I have just mentioned, but the well informed know that that section in war as in peace, tries to put her best men ferward, and that if they do not fill the parts assigned them, as unfortunately is rather than or the heart of their constituents. Every able bodied man in the South did what he could to a'd the Confederacy; therefore it would be impossible for that section to select others than Confederates to execute its trusts A gentleman well posted in political affairs, who has just returned from New York, where

he had an ict rview with Mr. Tilden, rays that the old gentlemen is looking as well as he ever sam bim, and that while he expresses no desire to be renominated, he is frank enough to say that he is in the hands of his friends, and wil not only accept the nemination if tendered him. but will do all that is possible to secure his election if nominated ; also that he thicks it would not be a low card to play to nomicate a man who was fairly elected in 1876, but cheated, by so apparent fraud, out of his office.

It is understood here that Beverly Mosby, Col. J. S. Mosby's son, who was engaged in the recent duel, in Amheret county, has been released on bail, and that Gen. W. H. Payne, between whom and Col. Musby amicable relations have only been recordy re established, has been retained to defend him when his trial comes off The Colonel, it may be mentioned, control it; by the abuse of i s corporate powers is expected to return from Hong Kong, either in procuring from the Legislature of Maryland on leave, as a witness in the case agains. Bailey, or as recalled, about the end of February.

A gentleman just from Richmond informs me that the feeling arainst the readjust ers in that city is so great that recently, after a semowhat protracted talk on Main street with a personal friend, who is a read juster member of the L gislature, he was asked by the gentleman at whose house he was stay. ing as a visitor, and who is a prominent mere sot there, not to make his acquaintst or with the readjusters quite so public, as it would cer tainly it jure his (the merchan's) business.

The national back notes received at the Tressury for the week anding to day for redemption amounted to \$433 000; the amount received for the corresponding week last year was \$2,028 000. The amount of U. S. bonds deposited as security for National Bank notes during the week ending to day, was \$1,167 50, the amount withdrawn was \$150 000.

The contribution to the Conscience Fund to day was \$1, from Washington. Contributions turn of any if the numerous articles stolen in the South during the war by people from the STRONGBOW. | sued under the act of 1878, and thus irrepara | North.

Futertainment at Falls (hurch.

[For the Alexandria Gazatte.] Through the indefatigable exertions of Mr. John McCormick and Rev. L. B. Platt, we had in the new and beautiful Congregational Church on New Year's night what everybody said was the finest entertainment over scen in Falls Church. It was Scotch all over-Scotland and Wallace, and Bruce, and Burns, and Sir Walter Scott being the themes. We had some wost smusing recitations in Scottish dialect Lom Mr. Henderson, who also exhibited mar nificent views of scores of places of intense historic interest. He illustrated also the life of Burns from his birthplace to his tomb. He showed us all those beautiful spots made "classic ground" by the wizard pen of Sir Wal ter, and views of Balmoral and its surroundings. One of the principal features of the evening was the ' Piper," a genuine highland piper in full costume, who served in Sir Colin Campbell's favorite regiment and who wears a dcoration presented by him. In introducing him Mr W. A. Duncanisaid:

"It has been thought desirable that an in'ro

duction should be given, not only to Mr. Ire-

and, who so kindly contributes to our en

yment this evening, but also to that soft mel lifluous instrument with which he proposes to entertain us-the bag pipe. It was teared that without due notice, its soothing lullaby might charm you info uopremediated slumber, and busits melody would be lest on unconscious ears. There is not the slightestdanger of anything of the sert. I have beard it and know whereof I speck. Neitherieit necessary for me to de scribe this instrument, which you will so soon see and hear for yourselves. Many of you perhaps have never bear it, but you have all beard the light sweet notes of the gustar accompanying some young lever's voice on pleasant summer nights, while be makes his offering at Cupid's shrine, as xicusly watching the while for the tender glance or the appreciative borquet, but sometimes receiving a d ff-ront missive from the proused and irate papa. Well, the berpipe is not one bittike the guitar-indeed it is not much used for seren diog that I over heard of. It is now and has been for a century two so ident fi d with the Scotch Highlanders. that we are art to look upon it as exclusively | for faithful service to the city, the state and the their . we; losing sight of the fee that it is an instrument of great actiquity, known in the very dawn of musical taste. We read of it is the earliest traces of Gr ciso history, when it is said to have been played by one of the pasters deities, while a most the same kind of instrument that we will see and hear to night, was in commit use among the ancient Romers, it is spoken of by more than one of the classic poets In the Southern constries of Enrope it is at the present time as d for dance music. Among the rade and primitive Highlanders however this in strument found its congenia home. Its effect on them is almost magical. Whether to excite the fiereest emetions or to soothe and a suage passion; whether, with its weird, melancholy breathings it interprets Ismentation and woe or with its stiring strains it rouses all the fervor of courage, glory or revenge, is equally power-11. It is to the Highlander what 'Hail Co'ncubia," "The Star Spangled Bancer," and "Yankee Doedie," all combined, are to the Northern, and "Down in the Happy Land of Dixie," is to the Southern soldier, and it is as martial music that the pipes are at their best. I have seen the 92d and other Highland regiments of the British army on parade with corps of pipers in front, all gergeously deck d out in bear skip bonnets, an eagle feather in each, a voluminous supply of kilt and plaid, but a very seant supply of trousers. Each regiment had a superb brass od, yet, when it ceased playing and the pipes ruck up, I al rays noticed a marked change in the aspect of the mee; fire seemed to be infused into them, they seemed to step with more life and vigor. They invariably reminded mo, on such occasions of those lines of Burn's, descriptive of a Scotch-

man fed on one of his native dishes. He says: "But mark the rustic baggis fed, The trembling earth resounds his tread. Clapin his walie nieve a blade.

He'll make it whistle.

And legs and arme and heads he'll sped. Like taps o' thistle.' "Some of you may remember an incident at the siege of Lucknow during the Sepay mu tiny of 1857. The devoted garrison, consisting of but a handful, mparatively speaking, of Europeans, with many women and children, seemed doomed to a de struction, to which the sesting keifs of the red Indian would have been mercy itself. Surrounded by a howling, savage crew of thousands of infuriated demons. So your had been promised them; they were looking for it with leverish anxiety. A day'; delay might seal their awful doom. While in this condition it was customary for the women and children to assemble on the ramparts to look and listen and pray for the expected aid. It w. 1 on one of those or casions when all were gloomy and heartsick from hope deferred that they were startled by an ex-clamation from a Scotch woman present. Throw-

isg up her arms she cried: "Dinna ye hear the slegaso; Dinna ye hear the r bb ock."
'All intestly listened. To beir unscensioned ears no sound was audible, but waited by the breath of the next southerly breez they heard the harbinger of relief, the, to them glad, glorious strains of "The Campbills are Coming," and soon the Highlanders, led by Bir Colin of that name, turned their mourning into joy." Just here the piper entered, playing that tune He was received with vociferous sprisuse, and every time he entered during the evening he met with the same kind of reception; marching back and forth in the front part of the hall; up one size and down the other. Know one of the lerge sudience from Every one of the large sudience (some other. three hundred were present) was literally "car-ried a :;" by the skill and military bearing of the piper and the splendid music discoursed by

Mr. Duncan read some of Burns' humorous pieces 'part'y in dialect) which were very heartily received. Finally, all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," and separated more than delighted with the first night of 1880

The Maine Troubles.

Boston, Jan. 3 -Special dispatches from Augusta says that tumors provail in come of the counties that c ruffcates of election bave been issued in blank, bearing the seal of the Secretary of State and given to the republican members who have been conned ou Appeard to the certificates are the words 'You will be

protected FARM NOTON, ME . Jan 3 -Lowis Voter, a democrat, who was counted to by the fusionists as a representative, has returned his cortificate to the Governor believing that the reason for the to all stocks, &c., which find investors in this issuacce of a certificate to bim is not sufficient to justify his acceptance of the position.

Dead-Attempted Suicide. NEW YORK, Jan. 3 -Gerree W. Edge, one

of the well-known manufacturers of fireworks, died pesterday in Jersey city.
A Providence, R. I., special says, Miss Kate

Fi z erald who attempted to shoot Postmaster Pierce, of Bristol, some months ago, tried last night to take her own life to her room in the Central Hotel in this city. She has receptly shown signs of insanity and last evening after retiring to her room is a state of depression fired at her head with a em ill pistol. Her aim was bad and the bullet was imbedded in the

Probable Fatal Accident.

TORONTO ONT, Dec. 3 -A twelve year old girl was probably fatally in jured at the street skating rink last nignt. She fell, and he fore she could arise two gentlemen, who were skating together, struck her, one in the forehead with his skate rendering her insersible and the other by falling over her, breaking her ribs.

Picked Up at Sea.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3. - An Italian bark which arrived at this port had on board several pas sengers of the English steamer Borussia, which were picked up at sea, 250 miles off the Azorer Always cash in advance.

ALEXANDRIA G*ZETTE FOR 1820

The Alexandria Gazette, begun in 1729 is the oldest newspaper in Virginia, and it has survived with few exceptions, all the public presses is America which saw with it the dawn of the nineteenth century. It lives too, not in decay or decrepit but full of life and youthful vigor giving all the news, tolling the truth without fear, favor or affection, trenching on the privace of no man's home, but 6 il to the brim with all public information, and giving daily bones judgments of public men and public measures

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With the coming year all the long tried and improved methods of making a standard news. paper will be continued, with such additional facilities as past experience justifies the proprietor in believing will add to the capacity of the Gazette to serve its readers. It expects to rencountry by a candid criticism of men and events in the interest of the people of the Commonwealth

The year 1880 will be a posed of critical interest in both the Union and the tommon wesith, The election of the eighteenth President of the United States will take place, with all the combinations procedent, and counts; consequences and settlements subsequent, will call for record in the coming volume. The developments of the financial situation, which may pertend affile ence and comfort or poverty and privation to thousands, are now in progress, and the columns of the Gazette will note each step as well as chronicle the result. A new and striking foreign pelicy is among itsely events, and the absorbing interest of it exunot be overestimated. In Virginia there is political chaos and industrial and commercial depression. The way out of this quagmire will fill many of those paragraphs with information of rare interest.

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The city of Alexandria will find as usual its daily history in each evening's issue, and the intelligence of that section of the Common wealth which nature has bound to Alexandria by the curvature of its mountains or the courses of its rivers as well as that portion linked to us by the iron bands of railways, will be assiduously

The Business and Commercial columns of the Gazette will be filled with the earliest and most exact commercial news, edited with such painstaking care as will render an error, where even slight errors dangerous, impossible.

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The Flour. Grain and Produce movements will be noted daily, and the sales of the Alexandris and neighboring markets given with accuracy and dispatch. The Grocery and other markets will receive constant attention, and the money or stock markets of the country epitomized for its columns, full details being given acction of the country.

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